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MEMORANDUM FOR: General Allen

SUBJECT : R&D Council

1. The Terms of Reference for the R&D Council are attached (Tab A). They have been informally coordinated and concurred in by DDR&E (Dr. Currie), DARPA (Dr. Lukasik), NSA ([redacted]) ASD(I) (Mort Goulder), DIA (Admiral de Poix) and approved in concept at the 23 July 1973 IRAC meeting by the membership. The Terms of Reference have been revised to reflect the views expressed in the IRAC minutes (Tab B). At the suggestion of Mort Goulder and Carl Duckett, the National Science Foundation (NSF) has been added to the Council membership.

2. Subject to your's and Mr. Colby's approval of the Terms of Reference, I recommend that you encourage Mr. Colby to discuss the matter of Chairmanship with Al Hall earliest followed by a personal call by Mr. Colby to the selectee. A poll of the prospective members indicates that Dr. Currie is their choice. He expressed a willingness to so serve in discussions with [redacted]. There do not appear to be any cultural problems between Hall and Currie as may have existed between Hall and Foster (mainly staff disagreements). If Dr. Currie is not selected as Chairman, there is some doubt that he will serve as just a member, but rather look to Dr. Wade, who in combination with Dr. Lukasik's close relationship with Dr. Currie, will reflect DDR&E's views and participation.

3. Dr. Sever of the National Science Foundation has been mentioned as a candidate in the interest of obtaining a non-partisan chair. Admiral de Poix's name has come up in a few conversations, but in both of these cases, a variety of factors such as availability, daily interest, and the like have made their choice a less attractive proposal than that of Dr. Currie. The heavily weighting factor in favor of Dr. Currie's appointment is that he brings to the Council the full weight of the \$9.0 billion DDR&E resources.

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4. Dissemination of the Terms of Reference to IRAC and the principals would follow selection of the Chairman and his appointment should be reflected in the letter of transmittal.


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